



**Brigadier-General Nicolas E. Matern  
Deputy Commanding General-Operations  
XVIII Airborne Corps & Fort Bragg**

BG Matern is a French Canadian, native of “la ville de Montréal” in the province of Quebec, who joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1977 through the Royal Military College of Canada. He is an infantry officer and proud member of the “Royal 22<sup>ième</sup> Régiment du Canada”, more affectionately known as the “Vandoos.” His career spans three decades of service related mainly to employment in line functions in the field of Mechanized Infantry, Light and Special Forces both in Europe and Canada and culminating as a Command Officer of a light infantry unit and Canada’s premier Special Operations

Forces Unit – Joint Task Force 2.

BG Matern actively deployed and commanded at the Battle Group and SOF Task Force level in Bosnia and Afghanistan respectively. Staff appointments included instructor duties at the Officer Candidate School, Director of the highest profile Army individual re-equipment project (Clothe the soldier) in the late 90s and he also had the privilege of serving as a member of the Army Staff College Directing Staff. From a training and education perspective, BG Matern is a graduate of the United Kingdom Army War College in Camberley, UK, and achieved technical proficiency through his formative year at the Royal Military College of Science in Shrivenham, UK. He also holds a Master’s degree in Defense Studies from Cranfield University in the UK. Finally, BG Matern is a graduate of the National Securities Studies Course, the senior course of the Canadian Armed Forces preparing select Colonels and BGs for employment at the strategic level.

Prior to his arrival at Ft. Bragg in 2007, BG Matern completed an appointment as Deputy Commander of the newly stood up “Canadian Forces Special Operations Command” in Ottawa, and has the distinct honor and privilege of being the first Canadian employed as Deputy Commanding General with the U.S. Army’s XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He deployed with the Corps in 2008, filling the position of Deputy Commanding General, Coalition & Infrastructure for Multi-National Corps-Iraq. Upon return in January of 2009 he was given responsibility for Task Force Bragg, leading the rear guard detachment in the absence of the Commanding General. In June he assumed the functions and responsibilities as the Deputy Commanding General-Operations of XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg.